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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SHIPMENT OF PARTS FOR CONGEN GENERATOR

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1. POST HAS LOST COMPLETELY SERVICES OF ONE GENERATOR DURING NIGHT AND EMERGENCY REPAIR JOB MADE ON GENERATOR DISCUSSED IN OUR REFTEL IS HOLDING. HOWEVER, WESTINGHOUSE TECHNICIAN, WHO MADE EMERGENCY REPAIRS, DOUBTFUL THAT GENERATOR CAN CARRY EVEN

REDUCED LOAD FOR VERY LONG. CONSEQUENTLY, IT ESSENTIAL EMBASSY URGE MIRRLEES TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF SPARE PARTS. PLEASE INFORM US THE AWB NUMBER AND FLIGHT NUMBER SPARE PARTS TRAVELING ON BY NIACT IMMEDIATE RPT NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN KNOWN.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: BACKGROUND TO FOREGOING IS THAT POST'S 16-YEAR-OLD POWER PLANT HAS NOW BEGUN TO SHOW ITS AGE. FOR PAST WEEK EMBASSY LONDON HAS SOUGHT TO PURCHASE AND ARRANGE AIR SHIPMENT OF PARTS REQUIRED TO REPAIR GENERATORS. IN MEANTIME, AS FOREGOING SUGGESTS, OVERLOAD ON OTHER UNITS IS LEADING TO OTHER BREAKDOWNS IN POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS. SEPTTEL WILL REQUEST AMCONSUL ZURICH TO ARRANGE PURCHASE OF SPARE PARTS FOR DAMAGED EXHAUST-GA TURBO-CHARGER. IN MEANTIME ARAMCO HAS LOANED POST SMALL GENERATOR WHICH POSES CRITICAL SITUATION SOMEWHAT. HOWEVER, AS ARAMCO UNIT IS STAND-BY GENERATOR FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IT CAN BE CALLED BACK ON MOMENTS NOTICE. OIL COMPANY HAS PUT POST ON NOTICE THAT IT WILL HAVE TO CHARGE \$570 DAILY FOR ITS LOAN AFTER
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